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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re the Application of: **WAKI, Minoru**

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Group Art Unit: **1714**

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Examiner: **Callie E. Shosho**

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For: **WATER-BASED PIGMENT DISPERSION, PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE SAME AND WATER-BASED INK CONTAINING THE SAME**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **August 14, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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